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# Waiting to Exhale



## Greece Enters Uncharted Territory After ‘No’ Vote

A supporter of the No vote waves a Greek flag in front of the parliament after the results of the referendum at Syntagma square in Athens, Sunday, July 5, 2015. Greeks overwhelmingly rejected creditors’ demands for more austerity in return for rescue loans in a critical referendum Sunday, backing Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, who insisted the vote would give him a stronger hand to reach a better deal. (AP Photo/Emilio Morenatti)

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## Parades, hot dogs, cold beer: America celebrates 4th of July!

### The Associated Press

Parades, fireworks, naturalization ceremonies, eating contests and music ushered in the Fourth of July as the United States marked 239 years as an independent nation on Saturday. President Barack Obama said U.S. service members make it possible to enjoy the "incredible blessings" in the greatest country on earth.

He said "freedom is not free" but is paid for by all the men and women of the military, including those who blanketed the White House South Lawn for a concert in their honor by Bruno Mars.

Obama spoke minutes before the annual Fourth of July fireworks lit up the night sky over the National Mall. He was accompanied by Michelle Obama.

Heavy rain that soaked Washington all day forced the White House to cancel its annual Fourth of July picnic for members of the military and their families.

The USO military service organization sponsored the concert that featured a performance by Mars.

Hundreds of thousands of people braved tight secu-

rity along New York City's East River to watch the annual Macy's Fourth of July fireworks display.

Minneapolis resident Joe Cunningham said Saturday's fireworks show was "awesome" and lived up to his family's expectations. Cunningham said New York's show will be the benchmark for all other fireworks displays.

Macy's said the 25-minute show featured more than 50,000 shells set off from five barges on the river.

The fireworks show was broadcast on NBC.

The tight security included officers searching backpacks and purses. Other officers used handheld radiation detectors to scan baby carriages and large suitcases.

Although heavy rainstorms drenched the region around the White house Saturday, many festivities in Washington proceeded as scheduled, including a fife and drum corps, parade and concerts on the National Mall.

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The U.S. Air Force Band

performed Saturday evening on the Washington Monument grounds. The

big event was the "Capitol Fourth" concert on the west lawn of the Capitol,

featuring Barry Manilow and the National Symphony Orchestra.

Naturalization ceremonies big and small were held across the U.S. The director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' Baltimore district administered the oath of allegiance to 40 people from 27 countries during a ceremony at The Engineers Club in Baltimore.

In Plymouth, Vermont, 20 people became U.S. citizens at the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. The great-granddaughter of President and Mrs. Coolidge sang the national anthem. Officials say over 4,000 new citizens were welcomed in more than 50 naturalization ceremonies across the country from July 1 through July 4.


Matt Stonie devoured 62 wieners and buns in 10 min-

utes to upset Joey "Jaws" Chestnut in the annual hot dog eating contest at Nathan's Famous in Coney Island, breaking Chestnut's bid for a ninth straight victory. Stonie beat Chestnut by two wieners. Both are from San Jose, California. The third-place finisher ate 35 hot dogs.

Defending champion Miki Sudo won the women's division by devouring 38 wieners and buns in 10 minutes. She downed four more hot dogs than last year and bested Sonya "Black Widow" Thomas of Alexandria, Virginia, who ate 31 wieners.

Philadelphia marked the holiday with a Celebration of Freedom ceremony, a parade through its historic district and a concert and fireworks on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. □







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## Back at work: Congress facing busy agenda, funding deadline

**ERICA WERNER**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — After July Fourth holiday fireworks and parades, members of Congress return to work Tuesday facing a daunting summer workload and a pending deadline to fund the government or risk a shutdown in the fall. The funding fight is shaping up as a major partisan brawl against the backdrop of an intensifying campaign season. Republicans are eager to avoid another Capitol Hill mess as they struggle to hang onto control of Congress and try to take back the White House next year. Already they are deep into the blame game with Democrats over who would be responsible if a shutdown does happen. House Speaker John Boehner has denounced Democrats' "dangerously misguided strategy" while House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi accuses Boehner and his Republicans of pursuing "manufactured crises."

The funding deadline does not even arrive until Sept. 30, but lawmakers face more immediate tests. Near the top of the list is renewing highway funding before the government loses authority July 31 to send much-needed transportation money to the states right in the middle of the summer driving season. The highway bill probably also will be the way lawmakers try to renew the disputed federal Export-Import Bank, which makes and underwrites loans to help foreign companies buy U.S. products. The bank's charter expired June 30 due to congressional inaction, a defeat for business and a victory for conservative activists who turned killing the obscure agency into an anti-government cause celebre. Depending on the progress of the Obama administration's nuclear negotiations with Iran, lawmakers could also face debate on that issue. Leading Republicans have made clear that they are pre-

pared to reject any deal the administration comes up with. Sen. Bob Corker, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said

Asked on CBS's "Face the Nation" what assurances he had received on this issue in discussions with Secretary of State John Kerry,



**House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. Members of Congress return from July 4 fireworks and parades on July 7, facing a daunting summer workload and a looming deadline to fund the government or risk a shutdown in the fall.**

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

Sunday, "Well, we've gone from dismantling their program to managing proliferation. I mean, that's our biggest concern, that's already done."

Corker, a Tennessee Republican, replied, "Well, obviously they're very anxious. I mean, I think they look at this as a legacy issue." Corker said he has

told Kerry, "Look, you create just as much as a legacy walking away from a bad deal as you do headlong rushing into breaking into a bad deal." "Republican Sen. Tom Cotton said Iran "should have faced a simple choice: they dismantle their nuclear program entirely, or they face economic devastation and military destruction of their nuclear facilities." Beyond the issue of Iran, the Senate opens its legislative session with consideration of a major bipartisan education overhaul bill that rewrites the much-maligned No Child Left Behind law by shifting responsibility from the federal government to the states for public school standards. The House also is moving forward with its own, Republican-written education overhaul bill. Even if both bills pass, it's uncertain whether Congress will be able to agree on a combined version to send to President Barack Obama. □



## Clinton reaches out (and out and out!) for policy ideas



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks in Fairfax, Va. In the months before she began her second bid for the White House, Clinton spent hours quizzing economists, lawyers, educators and activists about everything from executive compensation to the latest research on lead paint.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

LISA LERER

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Earlier this year, Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign lost count of its experts.

In the months before she began her second run for the White House, Clinton spent hours quizzing economists, lawyers, educators and activists about everything from executive compensation to the latest research on lead paint.

By last fall, the number of experts she had interviewed hit 200 and her team stopped keeping track. The Democratic front-runner isn't an incumbent, and even with competition that's resolute but still far from offering a serious primary challenge, Clinton has a luxury few candidates enjoy: time to hit the books. The results have started to emerge, and Clinton plans to add to them by releasing a new domestic policy proposal nearly every week this summer.

To be sure, politics are at play as Clinton shapes her agenda. She is sidestepping foreign affairs, which has consumed much of the early debate among Republican White House hopefuls eager to paint the former secretary of state with President Barack Obama's record on the world stage.

She is not yet offering specifics on subjects where consensus among Democrats and independent voters will be harder to find: trade, limits on executive pay, regulating the country's finance industry, rais-

ing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

What Clinton debuts in the coming weeks will form the core platform of her campaign and, should she win the nomination and the presidency, her administration. It's an agenda Clinton describes as that of a "pragmatic progressive," centered on families and focused on economic growth, innovation and income inequality.

Already introduced: proposals for paid family leave, free community college, universal pre-kindergarten, lowering student debt and job retraining. Still to come: ideas about taxes, climate change, education, wages, Wall Street and business regulations, which she's given the more politically palatable name of "corporate responsibility."

"There is genuine curiosity and interest in exploring all of this from Clinton and her team," said Felicia Wong, head of the liberal Roosevelt Institute, who has urged Clinton to aggressively counter income inequality. "But the details will matter a lot."

Most especially to those who wanted Sen. Elizabeth Warren to get into the race and are now packing town halls held by Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, an independent running for the Democratic nomination from Clinton's left.

Clinton's challenge is to craft positions that will satisfy that grassroots segment of her party, but won't also vilify the wealthy — particularly the donors she'll need

to pay for a campaign expected to cost \$1 billion.

So while Clinton consulted progressive champions, including Columbia University economist Joseph Stiglitz and New School labor economist Teresa Ghilarducci, she's also talked with Democrats with close ties to Wall Street, such as former Treasury chiefs Robert Rubin and Larry Summers.

It's a reach-deep approach aimed in part at correcting mistakes made during Clinton's 2008 campaign, which was criticized by some Democrats for being too insular.

Aides began pulling together briefing books last year. Her campaign says work by Harvard University sociologist Robert Putnam, the author of a book on

childhood poverty and the "opportunity gap," and Brookings Institution fellow Isabel Sawhill, who studies the decline of marriage and income inequality, particularly influenced Clinton's early thinking.

Since then, Clinton's research has continued in meetings, phone calls and emails with individual and larger groups of unpaid, informal advisers. Some have known the Clintons for decades, while others who are newer to the circle.

Harvard Professor Raj Chetty, an expert on social mobility, guided Clinton through slides on research into how children in certain areas of the country are more likely than others to get ahead. □

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### Hospital releases 17 in N. Carolina beach house deck collapse

**EMERALD ISLE, North Carolina (AP)** — Investigators are trying to determine what caused a deck to collapse as a family was taking a group photo at their rented beach house in North Carolina.

The collapse Saturday evening sent 23 people to the hospital, authorities said. The 17 people brought to Carteret General Hospital were all released by Sunday, hospital spokeswoman Michelle Lee said. She didn't know the condition of the six other people sent from her hospital to other medical facilities.

Emerald Isle Police Chief Jeffrey Waters said an emergency call came in at 6:59 p.m. Saturday and first responders arrived within minutes at the oceanfront home in that barrier island resort community, which was packed with beachgoers for the long holiday weekend.

"The family was on the deck preparing to take a family photo when the event occurred," the police statement said.

The house on Ocean Drive is a 6-bedroom, 5-bath oceanfront home with an elevator currently up for sale for nearly \$1.15 million. It also is rented through Bluewater Real Estate. An employee at the rental office said Sunday morning that the company had no statement since the investigation is continuing, but sent thoughts and prayers to the family. She wouldn't give her name.

Fire Chief Bill Walker told The Associated Press by phone that a deck area he estimated to be about 12 feet by 12 feet (3.6-by-3.6 meters) gave way from about 10 to 12 feet (3 to 3.6 meters) above the ground. □

### For NY escapee:

## Prison now will mean 23 hours a day in a cell

**ROMULUS, New York (AP)**

— The surviving escapee from a prison break and three-week manhunt will spend 23 hours a day in a maximum-security cell, much more confined than he and a fellow murder convict were in the prison from which they managed a getaway, officials said Sunday.

David Sweat, who was shot and wounded during his June 28 capture, was taken early Sunday from Albany Medical Center to the infirmary at the Five Points Correctional Facility in the central New York town of Romulus, the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision said in a news release. After at least 24 hours in the infirmary for a medical evaluation, he'll be among the up to 150 men held in the prison's Special Housing Unit, where each inmate sleeps, eats, washes and spends nearly all his time in a 105-square-foot (9.75-square-meter) cell with a bed, a writing platform, a toilet, a sink and a shower. The inmates generally are allowed out of their cells to exercise for an hour a day.

Sweat, 35, will be put on suicide watch, the corrections department noted. Set about 200 miles (320 kilometers) west of Albany



**A sign at Clinton Correctional Facility thanks the community in Dannemora, N.Y. The surviving escapee from a prison break and three-week manhunt will spend 23 hours a day in a maximum-security cell, officials said Sunday.**

(AP Photo/Mike Groll)

amid New York's Finger Lakes, the 1,300-inmate prison opened in 2000.

Five Points Correctional is 155 years newer than the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, from which Sweat and fellow inmate Richard Matt escaped June 6.

Authorities said Matt and Sweat cut through their adjoining cell walls over months, climbed down catwalks to tunnels, got hold of contractors' tools, broke through a brick

wall, cut into and out of a steam pipe and cut a chain holding a manhole cover outside the prison to get away. Sweat is serving a life sentence for killing a sheriff's deputy; Matt, 49, was serving 25 years to life after being convicted of kidnapping and dismembering his former boss.

Clinton Correctional is maximum-security, but as residents of the prison's "honor" block and workers in its tailor shop, Matt and Sweat were able to spend

considerable time out of their cells.

They got a guard to give them art supplies, tools and access to a catwalk in exchange for favors and paintings, and they shared their escape plans with a female tailor-shop instructor who gave them hacksaw blades and even agreed to be their getaway driver before she backed out, prosecutors said. The guard and instructor have pleaded not guilty to various charges. □

## 2 dead, 3 missing after boat capsizes in Ohio River

**LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP)**

— Two people were killed and three remained missing after the pontoon boat they were riding in hit a barge and capsized in the Ohio River, Kentucky authorities said Sunday.

Louisville Fire Chief Greg Frederick said nine people were aboard the boat and

that four were rescued after the accident shortly before 10 p.m. Saturday. He said three of those rescued were children and that they were wearing life jackets.

Frederick said the fatalities include one adult and one child. He said a child is among the missing. It's un-

clear if they were wearing life jackets. No identifications have been released. Frederick said the barge was in a construction site about a mile (1.6 kilometers) upstream from the Clark Memorial Bridge. He said authorities planned to search for survivors until Sunday night, and that the

Civil Air Patrol was helping in the search.

Frederick said the current of the river was too strong to use divers, and that it contained a lot of debris.

"There are entire trees ... floating down at a rapid rate of speed," he said. "We just don't think it's safe to put divers in." □





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## US Financial Front:

# Incomes rise for bottom 99 pct.; US inequality still worsens

C. S. RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Solid job growth is finally boosting paychecks for the rest of us.

Incomes for the bottom 99 percent of American families rose 3.3 percent last year to \$47,213, the biggest annual gain in the past 15 years, according to data compiled by economist Emmanuel Saez and released last week by the Washington Center for Equitable Growth.

"For the bottom 99 percent of income earners, this marks the first year of real recovery from the income losses sparked by the Great Recession," Saez, a professor at the University of California-Berkeley, said in a summary of his findings.

The increase likely reflects robust hiring last year when employers added 3.1 million jobs — the most since 1999. That lowered the unemployment rate to 5.6 percent from 6.7 percent a year earlier. Strong job gains and a falling unemployment can help broadly raise incomes as businesses are forced to offer higher pay to attract workers. With more money in their wallets, Americans are spending more freely. Auto sales reached the highest level in nearly a decade in May. Sales of clothing and building materials also jumped last month. And home sales are at an eight-year high.

Still, income inequality worsened in 2014. The richest 1 percent of Americans posted a much bigger increase in pay: their incomes soared an average of 10.8 percent to \$1.3 million. The wealthiest 1 percent also captured 21.2 percent of all income in

2014, up from 20.1 percent the previous year.

The top 10 percent of income earners also boosted their share in 2014, receiving 49.9 percent of total income, up from 48.9 percent in 2013.

Yet there was progress outside the richest 10 percent. Families in the bottom 90 percent of income-earners saw their incomes increase 2.8 percent, or about \$900, to \$33,068. That matched 2007's increase as the largest bump up since 1998.

Most Americans still have a long way to go to recapture the sharp losses they suffered during the 2008-2009 recession. Average incomes for the bottom 99 percent plummeted 11.6 percent to \$45,269 in those two years, Saez calculates. All figures are adjusted for inflation. They have so far recovered just 40 percent of their losses.

The inequality figures are likely a big reason that many Americans remain concerned about the economy. The nation has 3.3 million more jobs than before the recession and the overall economy is larger than it was in December 2007, when the downturn began. But for most families the recovery is far from complete.

Saez's figures are compiled from IRS tax data, using pre-tax income that excludes government transfer payments, such as Social Security retirement income. Saez and another economist, Thomas Piketty, have closely documented the growing share of income captured by the richest 1 percent. Their data fueled the Occupy Wall Street protests in 2011. Some critics of their work have pointed out that ex-



Spc. Yahshem Hicks, right, and Spc. Anthony Young take part in a computer training class at Fort Hood, Texas. Solid job growth is finally boosting paychecks for the rest of us. Incomes for the bottom 99 percent of American families rose 3.3 percent last year to \$47,213, the biggest annual gain in the past 15 years, according to data released last week.

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cluding government benefits exaggerates income disparities. But other sources,

such as the Congressional Budget Office, have included the impact of taxes

and benefits and found wide, if less-pronounced, wealth gaps. □

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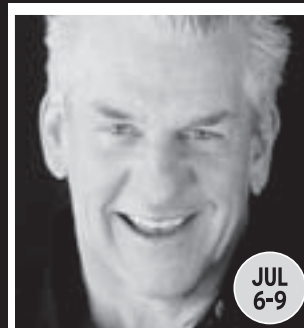
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## Greece Enters Uncharted Territory After 'No' Vote

ELENA BECATOROS  
DEMETRIS NELLAS  
Associated Press

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** — Greece lurched into uncharted territory and an uncertain future in Europe's common currency Sunday after voters overwhelmingly rejected demands by international creditors for more austerity measures in exchange for a bailout of its bankrupt economy. Results showed 61 percent voted "no," compared with 38 percent for "yes," with 93 percent of the vote counted. The referendum — Greece's first in more than four decades — came amid severe restrictions on financial transactions in the country, imposed last week

to stem a bank run that accelerated after the vote was called.

Thousands of jubilant government supporters celebrated in Syntagma Square in front of Parliament, waving Greek flags and chanting "No, no, no!"

It was a decisive victory for Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, who had gambled the future of his 5-month-old leftist government — and his country — in an all-or-nothing game of brinkmanship with Greece's creditors from other European countries that use the euro currency, the International Monetary Fund and the European Central Bank.

"Today we celebrate the victory of democracy,"



Supporters of the No vote celebrate after the results of the referendum at Syntagma square in Athens, Sunday, July 5, 2015. Greeks overwhelmingly rejected creditors' demands for more austerity in return for rescue loans in a critical referendum Sunday, backing Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, who insisted the vote would give him a stronger hand to reach a better deal.

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Tsipras said in a televised address from his office, describing Sunday as "a bright day in the history of Europe."

"We proved even in the most difficult circumstances that democracy won't be blackmailed," he said. Tsipras called the referendum last weekend, saying a "no" vote would strengthen his hand to negotiate a better deal for his country. His government has said it believes it would be possible to conclude a deal with creditors within 48 hours.

But European officials and most of Greece's opposition parties painted the referendum as one of whether country kept using the euro currency — even though that was not the convoluted question asked on the ballot. Opinion polls Friday showed that 74 percent or more want their country to remain in the euro.

"Given the unfavorable conditions last week, you have made a very brave choice," Tsipras told Greeks in his address.

"But I am aware that the mandate you gave me is not a mandate for rupture." He said he would seek to negotiate a viable solution with the country's creditors. How European officials react to the referendum result will be critical for the country, and a eurozone summit was called for Tuesday evening to discuss the situation.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande spoke to each other Sunday night and agreed "that the vote of the Greek people must be respected," Merkel's office said. Sigmar Gabriel, Germany's vice chancellor and economic minister, told a German newspaper that the

Greek government was leading its people "onto a path of bitter austerity and hopelessness."

Tsipras has "torn down the last bridges, across which Europe and Greece could move toward a compromise," Gabriel told the daily Tagesspiegel.

"By saying 'no' to the eurozone's rules, as is reflected in the majority 'no' vote, it's difficult to imagine negotiations over an aid package for billions."

Belgian Finance Minister Johan Van Overtveldt said a "no" result "complicates matters," but he insisted the door remained open to resume talks within hours.

"What we certainly don't want to do is to take decisions that will threaten the monetary union," he told Belgium's VRT. "Within that framework we can start talks again with the Greek government, literally, within hours." □



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## Pope Francis back on home turf for visit to 3 poor nations



Pope Francis waves upon his arrival to the Mariscal Sucre International airport in Quito, Ecuador, Sunday, July 5, 2015. History's first Latin American pope returns to Spanish-speaking South America for the first time on Sunday to visit Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

**FRANK BAJAK**  
**NICOLE WINFIELD**  
**Associated Press**  
**QUITO, Ecuador (AP)** — Latin America's first pope returned to Spanish-speaking South America on Sunday for the first time, beginning a nine-day tour that will take him to three of the continent's poorest countries. Children in traditional dress

greeted Pope Francis at Quito's Mariscal Sucre airport, the wind blowing off his skullcap and whipping his white cassock as he descended from the plane following a 13-hour flight from Rome. He personally greeted and kissed several indigenous youths waiting for him on the side of the red carpet. The "pope of the poor" will

highlight in his visit to Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay his priorities of protecting the marginalized and the planet from injustice and exploitation. In a speech in front of President Rafael Correa, he immediately signaled key themes: the need to care for society's most marginal, ensuring socially responsible economic develop-

ment and, turning to Ecuador specifically, defending "the singular beauty of your country."

"From the peak of Chimborazo to the Pacific coast, from the Amazon rainforest to the Galapagos Islands, may you never lose the ability to thank God for what he has done and is doing for you," he said, praising Ecuador's "singular beauty."

The Pacific nation of 15 million is home to more than 20,000 plant species as well as the Galapagos Islands, which inspired Charles Darwin's theory of evolution in 1535. Thousands lined the motorcade route that would take Francis him to the Vatican ambassador's residence, many hopeful the pope will have a calm-

ing effect.

Travel agency worker Veronica Valdeon called the Argentine pontiff "a light in the darkness."

"We are living difficult moments in our country," she said, "and Francis brings a bit of joy."

Francis is to preside over two big open-air Masses in his three days in Ecuador — one in the steaming Pacific port of Guayaquil on Monday, the other Tuesday in the capital on the site of the city's former airport.

Francis' stops later include a violent Bolivian prison, a flood-prone Paraguayan shantytown and a meeting with grass-roots groups in Bolivia, the sort of people he ministered to in the slums of Buenos Aires as archbishop. □

## Kerry: Iran nuke talks could go either way

**BRADLEY KLAPPER**  
**Associated Press**  
**VIENNA (AP)** — Nine days into marathon nuclear talks, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Sunday said the diplomatic efforts "could go either way," cutting off all potential pathways for an Iranian atomic bomb or ending without an agreement that American officials have sometimes described as the only alternative to war. The EU's top foreign policy official, Federica Mogherini, said agreement was "very

close." But Kerry said there was still a ways to go. "We are not yet where we need to be on several of the most critical issues," Kerry told reporters outside the 19th-century Viennese palace that has hosted the negotiations. World powers and Iran are hoping to clinch a deal by Tuesday, setting a decade of restrictions on Iran's nuclear program and granting Iran significant relief from international sanctions. Kerry met for 3 ½ hours on Sunday with Iranian Foreign

Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, as top diplomats from the five other negotiating countries planned to return to Austria's capital later in the evening.

"It is now time to see whether or not we are able to close an agreement," Kerry said, after hobbling on crutches through 97-degree heat to a podium set up in a city square. While "genuine progress" had been made and the sides "have never been closer, at this point, this negotiation could go either way. □

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## US-led coalition unleashes wave of airstrikes on Raqqa

**ZEINA KARAM**  
**Associated Press**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — U.S.-led coalition aircraft unleashed a wave of airstrikes targeting the Islamic State group's stronghold of Raqqa in eastern Syria in what the coalition said Sunday was one of its most sustained aerial operations carried out in Syria to date.

IS said at least 10 people

were killed and many others wounded in the attacks which activists said triggered successive explosions that shook the city and created panic among residents. The U.S.-led coalition often targets IS-held towns and cities in Syria, but the overnight strikes on Raqqa were rare in their intensity.

In a statement, the co-

alition said it carried out 18 airstrikes throughout Raqqa province, destroying a number of IS vehicles and 16 bridges. An earlier statement said the attacks also destroyed vital IS-controlled structures and transit routes in Syria.

"The significant airstrikes tonight were executed to deny Daesh the ability to move military capabilities

throughout Syria and into Iraq," said coalition spokesman Lt. Col. Thomas Gilleran, using the Arabic acronym for the Islamic State group. "This was one of the largest deliberate engagements we have conducted to date in Syria, and it will have debilitating effects on Daesh's ability to move" from Raqqa, he said.

Raqqa is the de facto capi-

tal of the so-called Islamic caliphate declared a year ago by the Islamic State group in territories it controls in Iraq and Syria. The sustained airstrikes add pressure on the militants in Raqqa, still reeling from last month's loss of the border town of Tal Abyad to Kurdish fighters.

The town on the Turkish border was a major avenue for commerce and smuggling for the group.

A militant website said 10 people were killed and dozens of others wounded. An IS-affiliated Facebook page said one civilian was among those killed and 10 were wounded including women and children. It also said the bombing destroyed several bridges.

The IS-affiliated Aamaq news agency released a video of what it said was the effects of shelling Saturday by a U.S. drone on Raqqa. It showed several wounded men on a stretcher and at least three young boys being treated for wounds at what appeared to be a hospital.

A Raqqa-based anti-IS activist network reported eight civilians were killed by the coalition airstrikes, including a 10-year-old child. The casualty figures could not be independently confirmed. The network, called Raqqa is Being Silently Slaughtered, said at least one airstrike targeted a group of IS members in the city center. Another targeted an IS checkpoint while a third destroyed large parts of an IS-held brick factory in the city. It said seven bridges used by civilians inside the city were also destroyed. □

**McCain:**

## US must reassess Afghanistan withdrawal

**RAHIM FAIEZ**  
**Associated Press**

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)** — The ongoing Taliban offensive in Afghanistan demands a reassessment of the Obama administration's current plan to drawdown U.S. forces, U.S. Sen. John McCain said Saturday during a visit to the country's capital.

The Republican told reporters that Afghan national forces are fighting bravely, but suffering heavy losses in the field.

American and international troops have already stopped playing a combat role, remaining as trainers for local forces. The international numbers will be reduced further at the end of 2016. But McCain said reductions should be based on conditions on the ground.

"With the rise of ISIS and the distinct fighting season that is marked this year, the threat environment continues to evolve in ways that clearly, in my view, demands a reassessment of the administration's cur-



**Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. speaks to reporters during a visit to Kabul, Afghanistan. McCain said that the ongoing Taliban offensive in Afghanistan demands a reassessment of the Obama administration's current plan to drawdown U.S. forces.**

(AP Photo)

rent calendar-driven drawdown of U.S. forces with a plan that must be based on conditions on the ground," McCain said.

Afghan forces have struggled to fight off the Taliban since the U.S. and NATO combat mission officially concluded at the end of last year. More than 2,300 Afghan soldiers, police and pro-government fighters have been killed since the start of the year — more

than the total number of U.S. troops killed since the 2001 invasion that ended Taliban rule.

Meanwhile, Afghan lawmakers rejected President Ashraf Ghani's nominee for defense minister, a position that has remained empty for more than nine months amid some of the toughest fighting since the Taliban insurgency began 14 years ago. Masoom Stanekzai received 84 out of the 107

votes needed for parliamentary approval.

Stanekzai's rejection reflects in part a power struggle between Ghani and Afghanistan's Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah. Stanekzai, the second nominee put forth by Ghani to be rejected, is also seen by some to be ineffective, based on the chaotic security situation around the country.

Stanekzai previously led the High Peace Council negotiating body charged with ending the conflict with the Taliban. He has been serving as the country's top defense official in an acting capacity.

In January, Gen. Sher Mohammad Karimi also failed to get enough votes in parliament. It could be months before a new nominee for the position is put forth.

Also Saturday, men on a motorcycle attacked a pair of schoolgirls in the western city of Herat, throwing an unknown chemical substance in their faces, authorities said.

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## Nigeria's new president inherits firestorm of troubles

**MICHELLE FAUL**  
**Associated Press**

**LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)** — One month after taking office, Nigeria's new president has not yet named a Cabinet to help him cope with this country's firestorm of troubles. The petroleum-driven economy is in crisis with a months-long fuel shortage, the naira currency is falling, tens of thousands of state civil servants have been unpaid for months and northeast Nigeria continues to be plagued by violence from Islamic extremists.

Buhari is scheduled to meet with U.S. President Barack Obama at the White House on July 20, where talks are expected to focus on U.S. help in the fight against Boko Haram as well as Nigeria's draconian Same-Sex Marriage Prohibition Act that criminalizes all gay relationships and organizations.

In the latest blow to Africa's largest economy, a government body last week revealed that more than \$20 billion in oil revenue is missing, and the excess crude account — the government's rainy day savings fund — has shrunk from \$4.1 billion in November to \$2 billion now.

Buhari promptly fired the entire board of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corp, and he's promised to recover stolen state funds. The president's supporters say Buhari's reputation as an anti-corruption crusader

the 1980s when he arrested many corrupt politicians and had them tried at military tribunals that sentenced some to life imprisonment. He was elected in March on promises to curb endemic corruption, halt

commodity that provides about 80 percent of government revenue.

But the coalition of parties that helped him become the first person to beat a sitting president in Nigeria already seems to be fall-

the party list for chosen legislative leaders.

They even elected a member of the party of ex-President Goodluck Jonathan as speaker.

Nigerians were mortified recently by the sight of legislators brawling over the mace, the speaker's symbol of authority in the House of Assembly, with one legislator throwing a chair across the chamber. The furor came as civil society groups demanded that the government lower the salaries and allowances that make Nigerian lawmakers among the highest paid in the world — estimated at nearly \$200,000 a year according to a 2013 survey by The Economist magazine.

On Sunday, Jonathan's party charged that the country is "at the verge of a quick slide into dictatorship" and that the lives of its members elected Parliamentary leaders are in danger.

Buhari has said he will cut the number of Cabinet ministers and ministries to help lower costs of government, and there is speculation he will personally take charge of the petroleum portfolio. □



**New Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari salutes his supporters in Abuja, Nigeria. One month after taking office, Nigeria's new president has not yet named a Cabinet to help him cope with this country's firestorm of troubles.**

(AP Photo/Sunday Alamba)

is helping spur a needed culture change in Nigeria. Buhari earned his corruption-fighting bona fides as Nigeria's military dictator in

a five-year-old Islamic uprising in the northeast and rescue an economy battered by graft and a halving of the price for oil, the

ing apart. Despite the fact that the coalition holds the largest number of seats in both houses of Parliament, rogue members ignored

## Suicide bomber explodes at Nigeria church, 5 dead

**ADAMU ADAMU**  
**Associated Press**

**POTISKUM, Nigeria (AP)** — A woman suicide bomber blew up in the midst of a crowded evangelical Christian church service in northeast Nigeria on Sunday and killed at least five people, witnesses said.

It is the latest bombing in a string of attacks blamed on Islamic extremist group Boko Haram that's killed some 200 people in the past week.

Nearly 100 men and boys praying in mosques were gunned down on Wednesday, and a local official said Sunday that 21 more bodies have been recovered from burnt-out houses since then. On Friday, the military said six women suicide bombers caused explosions that killed scores of people including a soldier at Zabamari Muna village outside Maiduguri, the biggest city in northeast Nigeria and the birthplace of

Boko Haram. Police Sunday rushed to the Redeemed Christian Church of God in Potiskum, the largest city in northeastern Yobe state. Wailing women and stunned men wandered around the wreckage of smashed bricks and twisted zinc sheets blown off the church roof. One congregant said the blast came from a woman in the congregation. She was too scared to give her name.

An Associated Press report-

er counted five bodies from the blast in the morgue of the local hospital, where a wounded woman was being treated.

Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari on Friday condemned the latest attacks as barbaric and said they underline the need for an expanded multinational army to crush the extremists. Boko Haram took control of a large swath of northeast Nigeria last year and declared an Islamic caliph-

ate. As it stepped up cross-border attacks, Nigeria and its neighbors deployed a multinational army that this year drove them out. But attacks are increasing as Boko Haram apparently responds to an Islamic State group directive to intensify violence during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. At least 13,000 people have died in the 6-year-old Islamic uprising that has driven 1.5 million people from their homes. □



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## In dispute with Venezuela

# Caricom chairman pledges support for Guyana

**CAROL WILLIAMS**  
**Associated Press**

**BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP)** — The chairman of a 15-member Caribbean trade bloc said this week-end that he backs Guyana's government amid an escalating border dispute with neighboring Venezuela.

Freundel Stuart spoke at a press conference as Caricom leaders ended a three-day summit in Barbados.

"Caricom stands firmly behind Guyana," he said. "We do not think that there can be any compromise so far as Guyana's territorial borders is concerned."

Venezuela has long-claimed about two-thirds of Guyana and has become more insistent about a large marine area where Exxon Mobil Corp. says it made a significant oil discovery.

Stuart said Caricom leaders met with Venezuela's vice president and said the South American country has pledged to maintain peace and tranquility in

the region. Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro was invited to the summit but did not attend.

"We believe that scope ex-

has a good relationship with Venezuela, and we are not about to try to disrupt the relationship or to pollute it in any way."

ing that the region remains peaceful.

"We already have some commercial and cultural relations with Venezuela,



**Barbados Prime Minister Freundel J. Stuart, right, arrives for the EU-CELAC summit in Brussels. Stuart said this weekend that he backs Guyana's government amid an escalating border dispute with neighboring Venezuela.**

(AP Photo/Francois Walschaerts)

ists for an amicable resolution of present difficulties," Stuart said. "Caricom also

David Granger, Guyana's newly elected president, praised Caricom for ensu-

and we expect those relations to continue," he said. □

## New Puerto Rico agencies to buy TRANs amid crisis

**DANICA COTO**  
**Associated Press**

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)** — Puerto Rico's governor signed a bill late Friday that allows certain public agencies to buy up to \$400 million in tax and revenue anticipation notes as the government of the U.S. territory seeks more cash amid a worsening economic crisis.

The bill aims in part to help boost the liquidity of the U.S. territory's Treasury Department, Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla said.

"This measure is needed given the absence of the government's usual liquid-

ity sources," he said.

Some of the new agencies now authorized to buy such notes are government insurance companies that are flush with cash, said Puerto Rico-based economist Vicente Feliciano. Banking institutions usually buy tax and revenue anticipation notes — or TRANs — but the governor's move shows that investors may have been spooked by the island's economic crisis, he said in a phone interview.

"It's a sign of how critical the government's situation is," Feliciano said. "The central government is looking

for spare change underneath the rug to see what it can find."

The announcement comes just days after Garcia said the island's \$72 billion public debt is unpayable given the current level of economic growth, and that he would seek a payment moratorium from bondholders.

Tax and revenue anticipation notes are usually repaid with upcoming tax collections, but Feliciano noted that investors likely wonder whether there'll be enough money this time as the island struggles to emerge

from a nearly decade-long economic slump.

Last fiscal year, the island's government issued \$1.2 billion worth of TRANs, with \$900 billion placed with banking institutions, according to statistics with Puerto Rico's Government Development Bank.

The newly approved bill states the bank will be responsible for overseeing a new fund that will collect certain government revenue that the government can access if the Treasury Department's monthly revenue forecasts exceed collections. □

## Korean institute chief falls to death after deadly trip

**BEIJING (AP)** — The head of a South Korean institute that organized a tour of China by local officials that ended in a deadly bus crash fell to his death from a hotel early Sunday in northeastern China, state media reported.

Choi Doo Yeong had traveled to China to deal with the aftermath of Wednesday's accident in which a bus plunged from a highway bridge with 28 people aboard, killing the Chinese driver plus 10 South Koreans who had been studying at the state-run Local Government Officials Development Institute.

The official Xinhua News agency cited local authorities in the Jilin Province city of Ji'an as confirming that Choi, the head of the Suwon-based institute, had fallen to his death.

The South Korean news agency Yonhap cited south Korean officials as saying Choi had felt a heavy sense of responsibility for the accident and that it was unclear whether the fall was an accident or a suicide.

The 10 South Koreans were part of a 140-person delegation on a tour of historic sites in China, including places where Korean independence fighters helped resist Japanese colonial rule before the end of World War II.

Also Sunday, Ji'an officials announced that they had determined speeding was to blame for the bus crash. The city government said that the bus was on a mountain road with a speed limit of 40 kilometers per hour (25 mph), but that the 39-year-old driver was driving at speeds up to twice as fast. The city says tests ruled out the possibility he was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. □





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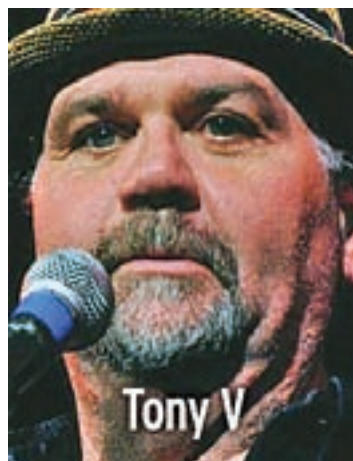
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Ray Ellin



Lenny Clarke

owner in the low-rise area, has been to Ray's show nine different times. "It's always hilarious, the quality of the comedians is excellent, and watching Ray interact with the audience is something special. I don't mind the cab ride, although having it at my own resort would be great."

Homeowner Cheryl Talcof is also an enthusiastic fan. "I have seen Aruba Ray's Comedy Show on several occasions. Each time I go, the show is different, and each time is hilarious. Great evening of entertainment, and affordable. This show should be on everyone's must do list, for visitors of the island as well as locals. The beauty is that it is never the same."

Ray has been invited to do the show at other venues, and also other islands. But for now he says "Aruba is where I want to be. I divide my time between

New York, LA, and as I call Aruba, 'The Motherland'. And that's how I like it. Fish tacos, beautiful beaches, and comedy."

Ray's love of Aruba is real. Not only has he introduced Aruba to the other comedians, but to also "A few dozen American friends as well."

And last month, Ray and Stellaris Casino General Manager Ben Figaroa - who had the savvy to recognize the appeal of the comedy shows - put together a charity comedy event to support Aruba's Special Olympic Athletes representing Aruba in the World Games held in Los Angeles.

The lineup for these final four shows - from tonight until July 9th - is excellent. Performing will be Boston comedy stars Lenny Clarke and Tony V, each of whom have appeared on numerous television shows

throughout their careers. As always Ray will host the shows; he is considered by his peers to be the best host in NYC. Ray just recently hosted an event with Grammy and Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson, and has appeared on many tv programs, including being profiled on Dateline NBC. Ray is also the host of the new Gong Show Live, a resurrection of the classic 70's television show. He hosted the popular talk show Late Net. And he hosted the television shows The Movie Loft, Brain Fuel, and New York Now. Ray produced and directed the very successful film The Latin Legends of Comedy, distributed by 20th Century Fox. And most recently, Ray co-created and is co-starring in the new television show Brokeland.

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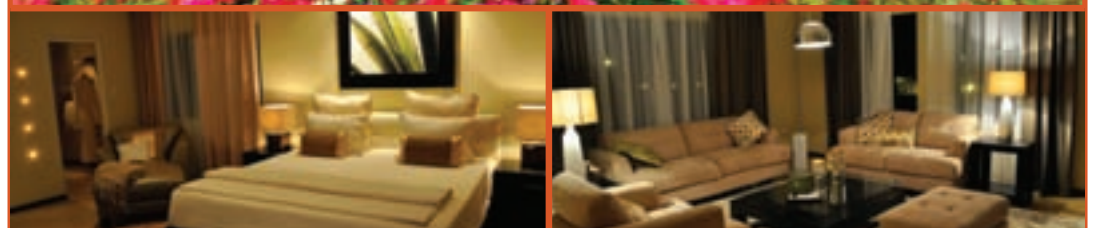
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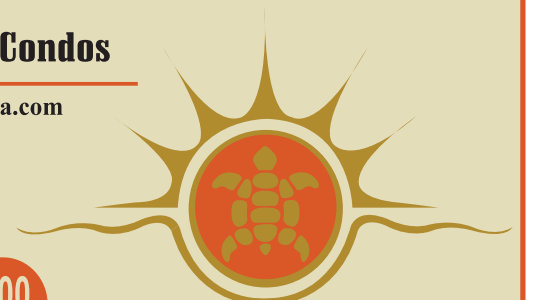


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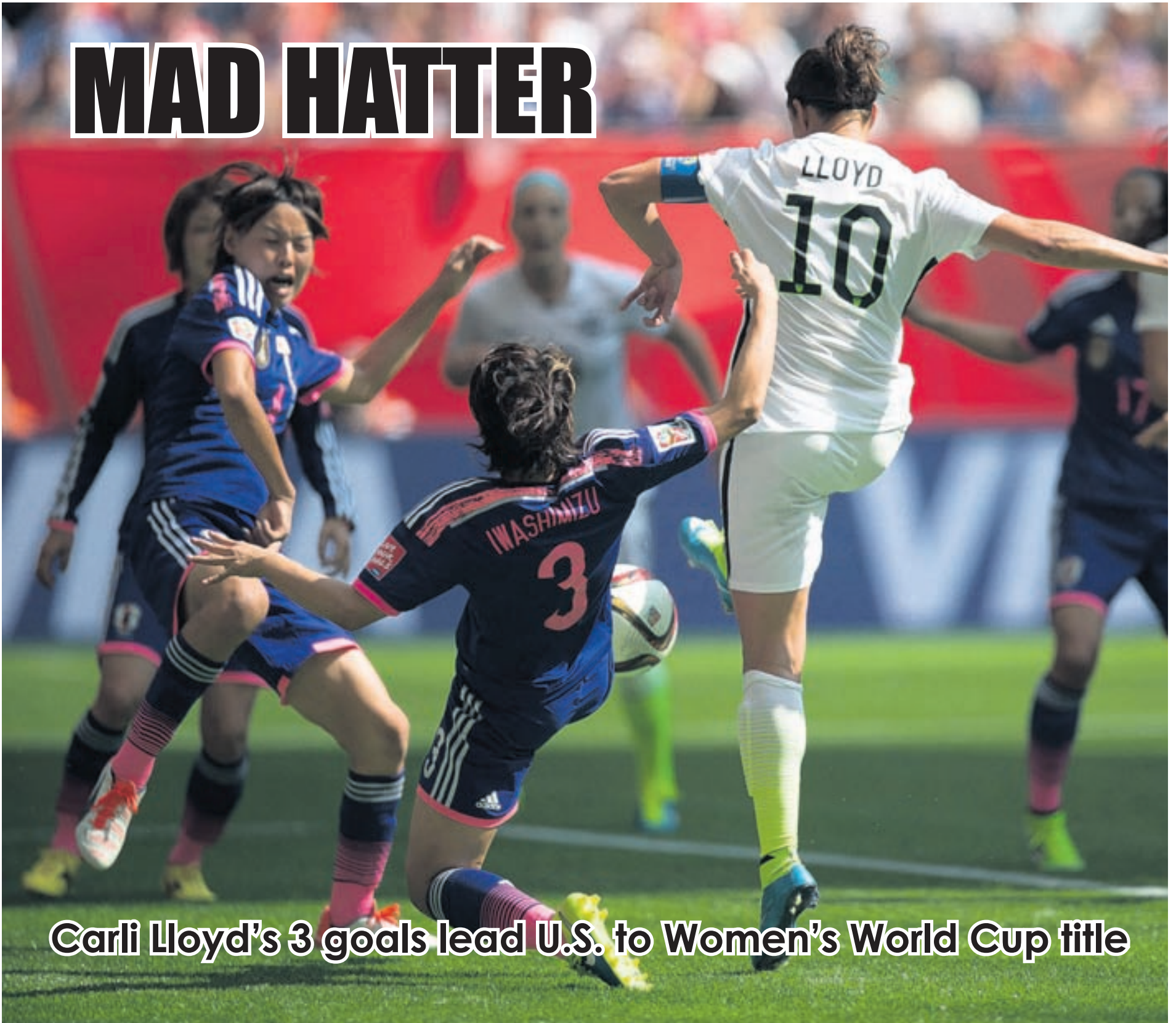
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# MAD HATTER



**Carli Lloyd's 3 goals lead U.S. to Women's World Cup title**

United States' Carli Lloyd, right, gets the ball past Japan's Azusa Iwashimizu (3) to score her second goal during first half FIFA Women's World Cup soccer championship in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, Sunday, July 5, 2015.

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**Venus Williams of the United States returns a ball to Aleksandra Kronic of Serbia during their singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Friday July 3, 2015.**

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## All-Williams matchup headlines today's action at Wimbledon

**CHRIS LEHOURITES**

**AP Sports Writer**

**LONDON (AP)** — One five-time Wimbledon champion is guaranteed to reach the quarterfinals. Another is assured of elimination. That's what will happen Monday when Serena Williams plays older sister Venus Williams for the sixth time at the grass-court Grand Slam in southwest London.

"They've been unbelievable for the sport. I've said that many times," said

Roger Federer, a seven-time Wimbledon champion who will also be playing on Manic Monday. "Their head-to-heads, I don't know how much that has to do with it. I think it's more their individual play."

Individually and together, the Williams sisters have become two of the greatest champions at the All England Club. They have each won five singles titles, and have teamed up to win five more in doubles.

Against each other on the grass at Wimbledon, Serena leads 3-2, with all three of her wins coming in finals. Venus won one final, and also won a semifinal match against her younger sibling in 2000 — the first time they met on court at the tournament. Although Serena is still at the top of her game and going for a true Grand Slam this season, Venus has been struggling for the past few years and was diagnosed with an energy-sapping autoimmune disease in 2011, three years after her last Wimbledon title. It was the previous year, in 2010, when she last reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon.

But this year, Venus has been nearing her past high standards, winning all three of her matches in straight sets.

"She's playing so well," Serena said. "I'm practicing next to her every day and I'm in awe of how she's doing. It's a little frustrating because I know I have to play her." The Williams matchup is just one of the 16 fourth-round matches

on the schedule for Monday — eight for the men and eight for the women.

Here are some things to know about Monday's matches:

### ROGER'S RECORD

Roger Federer is the only current player with more Wimbledon singles titles than a Williams, and the seven-time champion is one away from a record-setting eighth. Federer has had a relatively straightforward first week, winning his first two matches in straight sets and his third in four. His next opponent is 20th-seeded Roberto Bautista Agut, a Spaniard who is playing at Wimbledon for the third time and has never reached the fourth round. But for Federer, the pursuit of No. 8 and breaking the tie with Pete Sampras and 1980s player Willie Renshaw doesn't seem to be the only thing spurring him on. "This is more something like you talk about for a couple weeks, it's gone again, then you have to wait a year if you don't do it," Federer said. "I just take Wimbledon as such, what a huge tournament it is, what an opportunity it is."

### SEMIFINAL POSSIBILITY

Maria Sharapova and Victoria Azarenka, the other two Grand Slam champions in the fourth round, have been two of the most consistent players at this year's tournament, and another pair of wins for each would set up a semifinal meeting on Thursday.

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## Wimbledon

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Sharapova, the 2004 Wimbledon champion, has lost only 15 games through three rounds and will next face Zarina Diyas of Kazakhstan. Azarenka, a two-time Australian Open champion, has lost 17 games and will next meet 30th-seeded Belinda Bencic of Switzerland. Sharapova has played Diyas once before, beating her 6-1, 6-1 in the third round at this year's Australian Open.

"You can't underestimate anyone's level," Sharapova said.

### GO GO DJOKO

Novak Djokovic missed out on a chance to make a run for a true Grand Slam when he lost to Stan Wawrinka in the French Open final. But the top-seeded Serb can still defend his title at Wimbledon, a victory that would give him a third championship at the All England Club.

"I try to put myself only in

the present moment, not fight against the thoughts and the pressure and the excitement," Djokovic said, referring to his past experiences at the grass-court major.

Djokovic's next opponent will be Kevin Anderson, a 14th-seeded South African who has never been past the fourth round at a Grand Slam tournament.

### MAJOR MISSION

Four women who have come close but are still looking for their first major title will also be on court Monday: Caroline Wozniacki, Agnieszka Radwanska, Lucie Safarova and Jelena Jankovic.

All four of them lost to 20-time major champion Serena Williams in Grand Slam finals.

Wozniacki lost to Serena in the 2014 U.S. Open final, Radwanska was beaten in the 2012 Wimbledon final, Jankovic in the 2008 U.S. Open final and Safarova in this year's French Open final. □



Serena Williams of the United States celebrates as she wins the singles match against Heather Watson of Britain, at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Friday July 3, 2015. Williams won 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.

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# Lloyd scores 3 and U.S. defeats Japan 5-2

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**AP Sports Writer**

**VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)** — Carli Lloyd came up big again. Three times.

And with it came the Americans' elusive third Women's World Cup title. Lloyd scored a hat trick as the U.S. burst to a four-goal lead in the first 16 minutes, and the Americans overwhelmed defending champion Japan 5-2 Sunday for their record third championship and first since 1999.

A sellout crowd that included U.S. Vice President Joe Biden roared in approval for Lloyd's hat trick, the first ever in a Women's World Cup final. "We just made history," Lloyd said. "I was on a mission."

When it was over, Lloyd collapsed to her knees and pumped her fists. Forward Abby Wambach bear-hugged teary-eyed coach Jill Ellis, lifting her off the ground.

Lloyd, voted the Golden Ball as player of the tournament, scored twice in a span of about 135 seconds as the U.S. led 2-0 by the fifth minute.

Lauren Holiday boosted



**The United States Women's National Team celebrates with the trophy after they beat Japan 5-2 in the FIFA Women's World Cup soccer championship in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, Sunday, July 5, 2015.**

the lead in the 14th and two minutes later Lloyd made it 4-0 with an audacious 54-yard, right-footed shot from midfield that sailed over goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori. Japan closed on Yuki Ogimi's goal in the 27th and an own goal by Julie Johnston in the 52nd. Tobin Heath scored two minutes later for the Americans, who had struggled in the World Cup since winning the inaugural tournament in 1991 and then again at the Rose Bowl eight years later. Christie Rampone, the

only holdover from the 1999 team, lifted the trophy with Wambach, the 35-year-old former FIFA Player of the Year who lost her regular starting job with age. Wambach was among the most vocal opponents of FIFA's decision to play the tournament on artificial turf.

With FIFA President Sepp Blatter staying away during a U.S. criminal investigation of soccer officials, the trophy was presented by FIFA Senior Vice President Issa Hayatou of Cameroon,

the head of African soccer's governing body. Hope Solo won the Golden Glove as top goalkeeper of the tournament. She played despite critics who urged the U.S. Soccer Federation to drop her after she initially faced two misdemeanor counts of domestic violence from a June 2014 altercation at her half-sister's house, charges that were dismissed on procedural grounds. The title also vindicated the U.S. Soccer Federation for its decision in April 2014 to fire coach Tom Sermanni, who had replaced Pia Sundhage the previous year, and replace him with Ellis, the British-born American who had been an assistant on the coaching staff.

Japan returned eight starters from the 2011 final, when it beat the U.S. on penalty kicks. The Americans, turning their

roster over more, started just four of the 11 players who opened that game in Germany.

Lloyd, a 32-year-old midfielder, had come up big before, scoring the winning goals in the 2008 and 2012 Olympic finals. She put the U.S. ahead in the third minute off a corner kick from Megan Rapinoe, then made it 2-0 when she poked the ball between two defenders and past the Kaihori's outstretched arms.

Lloyd's third goal came when Kaihori came far off her line. The keeper backpedaled and got a hand on it, but it bounced into the goal.

It was also the fastest hat trick in World Cup history — men or women — and Lloyd became the first American since Michelle Akers in 1991 to score multiple goals in a World Cup final. The only other hat trick in a World Cup final was when England's Geoff Hurst scored three times against Germany in the men's 1966 final at Wembley.

Lloyd scored six goals in seven matches during the monthlong tournament, raising her international total to 69.

Holiday added her goal in the 16th minute, volleying a header by a Japanese defender.

Ogimi's goal in the 27th minute was the first Solo had allowed after five straight shutouts. The only other goal scored against her came in the first half of the tournament opener against Australia. □




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# Froome, Contador on the front foot in Tour de France

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NEELTJE JANS, Netherlands (AP) — In ferocious winds and thunderous rain, Chris Froome and Alberto Contador managed to use the conditions to their advantage on the second stage of the Tour de France.

That gave them the early leg up on main rivals Vincenzo Nibali and Nairo Quintana. While it's too soon for anyone to gain a decisive advantage in the race, British rider Froome and the Spaniard Contador are certainly on the front foot in what is widely touted as a four-way Tour battle.

They're more than a minute ahead of defending champion Nibali and Quintana after both rivals fell behind when the peloton split up in the heavy winds.

"We knew that in stages like today there might be even more differences made than in the mountains," said Contador, who is bidding for a third Tour title. "I was speaking to Froome and (Tejay) Van Garderen and I told them that these are the kind of opportunities you have to take."

They certainly did. Froome crossed the line in seventh place, 1 minute 28 seconds ahead of Nibali and Quintana, while Contador gained 1:24 on those two after placing 13th. The action-packed trek swept along the spectacular Dutch coastline, with Andre Greipel winning a sprint to clinch a seventh Tour stage victory.

The German rider trumped an all-star cast featuring three-time defending Tour sprint champion Peter Sagan, four-time world time trial Fabian Cancellara, and 25-time Tour stage winner Mark Cavendish.

The 34-year-old Cancellara's smile beamed as brightly as the sunshine that finally pierced through the clouds late in the afternoon as he pulled on the race leader's yellow jersey — 11 years after wearing it for the first time. But the day also belonged

of the Zeeland Delta offered a spectacular backdrop. Riders rode over a pier with waves crashing beneath them, and then snaked through treacherously narrow streets packed with crowds.

Nearing the line, Caven-

Hansen fell, got back on his bike clutching his right shoulder and with his legs caked in dirt. Then, Nacer

Bouhanni was one of several involved in a spill at the back of the front group that Nibali narrowly avoided.



Germany's Andre Greipel celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the second stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 166 kilometers (103 miles) with start in Utrecht and finish in Neeltje Jans, Netherlands, Sunday, July 5, 2015.

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to Froome, the 2013 Tour winner who crashed out early in last year's race, and to Contador.

Froome, 10th overall, is now 1:21 ahead of Nibali and leads Quintana by 1:39 in the standings.

With the exception of Van Garderen — the American rider is four seconds ahead of Froome in eighth overall — none of the others in the top 10 is a threat for the Tour victory.

"This is a huge advantage for us to be sitting in this position after one flat day out on the road," Froome said. Contador, who is 12 seconds behind Froome in 14th spot, moved 1:09 ahead of Nibali and 1:27 clear of Quintana overall.

"We joined our forces with (Nibali's) Astana (team) and kept the gap closer than it could have been," Quintana said.

The stage finish in the heart

dish moved first but Greipel timed his riposte perfectly. Swiss veteran Cancellara, who is riding in his last Tour, took the race leader's jersey from overnight leader Rohan Dennis after finishing third and picking up a time bonus.

Sunday's 166-kilometer (103-mile) trek started out from the Dutch city of Utrecht, where Dennis had won Saturday's individual time trial. As the weather conditions worsened, crashes became inevitable.

"It turned out to be hectic, chaos, wind, rain," Cancellara said.

Wilco Kelderman, Geraint Thomas — Froome's Team Sky teammate — and Thomas De Gendt all fell following an intermediate sprint through the Dutch city of Rotterdam. They got back on their bikes to continue.

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## Danny Lee wins Greenbrier Classic in 4-man playoff

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**WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP) —** Danny Lee

was overcome with nerves after qualifying for a four-man playoff at The Greenbrier Classic.

By the time he walked to the first playoff tee, he was ready.

Lee earned his first PGA Tour victory when he parred the second hole of Sunday's sudden-death playoff, eliminating David Hearn after Kevin Kisner and Robert Streb faltered on the first playoff hole.

"All I can say is wow," Lee said. "I finally did it."

Lee, Hearn, Kisner and Streb were tied at 13 under after four rounds on the Old White TPC course. And Lee wasn't in a good place mentally heading into the playoff.

"I was so nervous," he said. "My head was blank, and I was just trying to breathe." For good measure, Lee said his caddie, Kurt Kowaluk, put the piece of paper indicating his playoff starting position into a mock wishing well on the par-3 18th tee.



**Danny Lee poses with the trophy after winning the Greenbrier Classic golf tournament at Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., Sunday, July 5, 2015.**

"He put it in there so I can win it," Lee said.

By then, Lee had his focus back.

The South Korean-born New Zealander earned \$1.2 million and became the ninth first-time winner on the tour this season.

The former U.S. Amateur champion was competing

in his 27th event this season, including his eighth in nine weeks. He is trying to qualify for the international team for the Presidents Cup in October in South Korea. He was 47th in the standings heading into The Greenbrier Classic.

"I never get tired of playing golf," Lee said. "I mean, it's

my job, and I just love doing it, and I'm just happy to be out here every week." Kisner shot a 6-under 64 to get to the clubhouse at 13 under.

Hearn (67) and Lee (67) birdied No. 17 to join the playoff. Both missed birdie putts for the lead on the final hole in regulation.

Streb shot a 5-under 65 in the final round by making five birdie putts on the back nine with a 56-degree wedge after breaking his putter on the ninth hole. The putter broke when Streb tossed it at his bag next to the green.

"It hit the bottom of the bag and the (putter) head went flying," Streb said. "It was not my intent, but that was what happened. And so I said, well, let's see what we can do with a wedge." He three-putted No. 17 for bogey, but got in the playoff with a 6-foot birdie at No. 18.

Streb was allowed a replacement putter for the playoff, but he never got

to use it after missing the green.

Lee and Hearn made birdie putts on the first playoff hole, also eliminating Kisner, who lost in a playoff for the third time this season.

On the second playoff hole, Hearn drove behind a tree on the par-5 17th and made bogey.

"That was probably the only bad tee shot I hit all day," said Hearn, who is still looking for his first PGA Tour win in 164 events. "I've just got to keep giving myself chances like this, and it's going to happen soon."

Lee also missed the fairway, but reached the green in three shots and two-putted from across the green for par.

It marked the third playoff in the tournament's six-year history.

Tiger Woods started the day seven shots behind the leaders, shot a bogey-free 67 and said he made some "nice strides" heading into next week's British Open.

"Best I've hit it in a long, long, long time," Woods said. "I had full control over all clubs. This could have been one of those special rounds."

Woods broke a streak of 55 consecutive rounds with at least one bogey. It was his first time under par in a final round since the 2013 Tour Championship.

Lee, Hearn, James Hahn and Greg Owen earned spots at St. Andrews. There also were four spots handed out a week ago at the Travelers Championship and one more is available this week at the John Deere Classic.

Russell Henley shot 63 and finished fifth at 12 under. Seven others were at 11 under, including Chad Collins (69), who was tied for the lead before bogeying the final two holes. □



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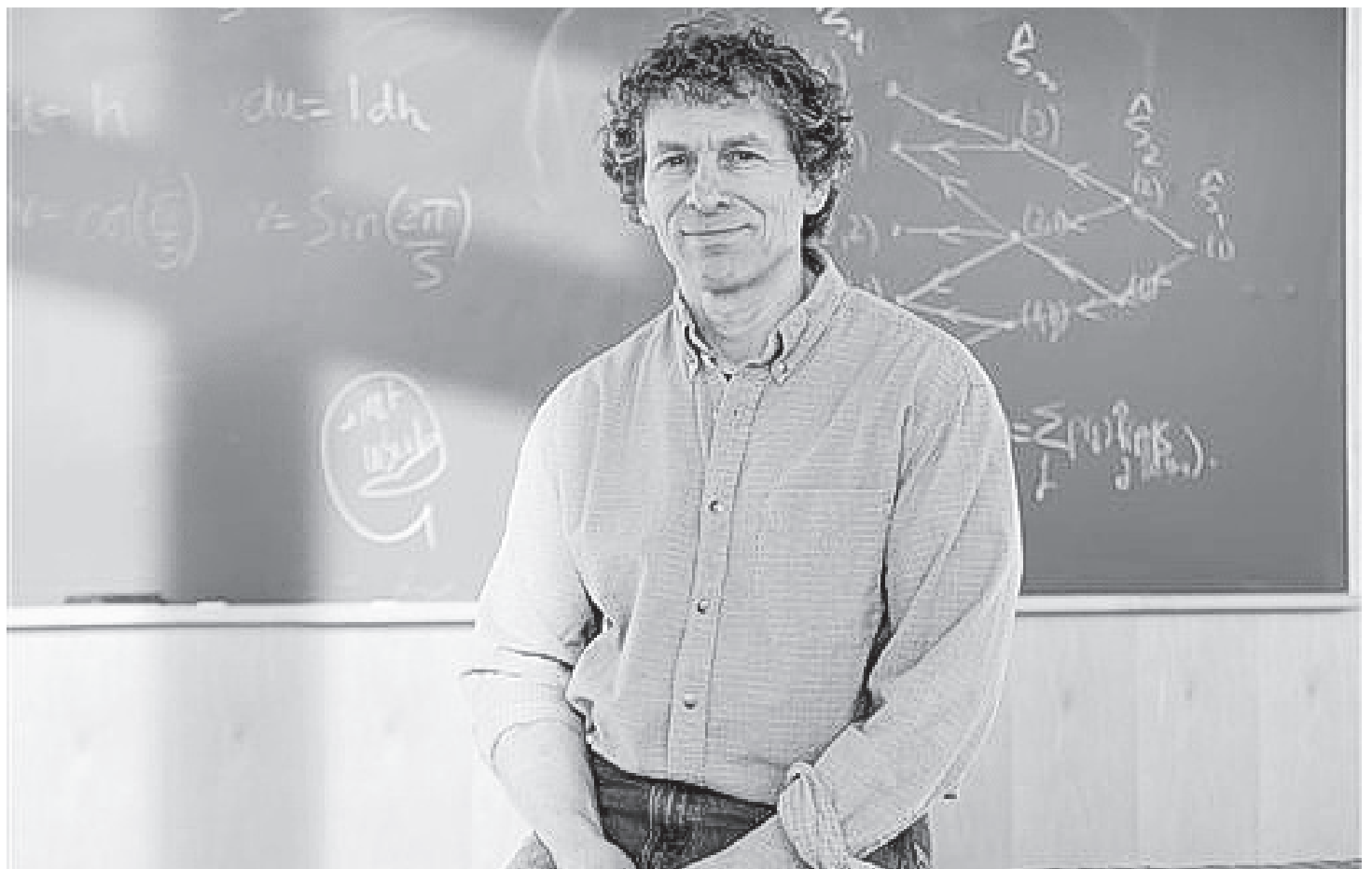
Can an algorithm pass for an author? Can a robot rock the house? A series of contests at Dartmouth College is about to find out.

Dartmouth is seeking artificial intelligence algorithms that create "human-quality" short stories, sonnets and dance music sets that will be pitted against human-produced literature, poetry and music selections. The judges won't know which is which.

The goal is to determine whether people can distinguish between the two, and whether they might even prefer the computer-generated creativity.

"Historically, often when we have advances in artificial intelligence, people will always say, 'Well, a computer couldn't paint a sunset,' or 'a computer couldn't write a beautiful love sonnet,' but could they? That's the question," said Dan Rockmore, director of the Neukom Institute for Computational Science at Dartmouth.

Rockmore, a mathematics and computer science professor, spun off the idea for the contests from his experience riding a stationary bike. He started thinking about how the music being played during his spin class helped him pedal at the right the pace, and he was surprised when the instructor told him he selected the songs without the help of computer software. "I left there thinking, 'I wonder if I could write a program that did that, or somebody could?'" he said. "Because that is a creative act — a good spin instructor is a total artist. It sort of opened my mind to thinking about whether



In this Jan. 20, 2015 photo provided by Dartmouth College, Dan Rockmore, director of the Neukom Institute for Computational Science, poses on the Dartmouth campus in Hanover, N.H.

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a computer or algorithm could produce something that was indistinguishable from or even perhaps preferred over what the human does." The competitions are variations of the "Turing Test," named for British computer scientist Alan Turing, who in 1950 proposed an experiment to determine if a computer could have humanlike intelligence. The classic Turing test involves intelligent computer programs that can fool a person carrying on a conversation with it, and there have been many competitions over the years, said Manuela Veloso, professor of computer science and robotics at Carnegie Mellon University and past president of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence.

There also have been many efforts to create computer programs that can generate music or text, she said. The Associated Press, for example, recently began using computer programs to automatically generate business earnings reports and plans to do the same for college sports stories. What sets the Dartmouth contests apart is the evaluation by judges who will try to determine whether the work was generated by computers or humans and whether people prefer the computer-generated work, Veloso said. She said it will be interesting to see who does the judging — fooling a publisher with a computer-generated short story would be more significant than fooling the average reader, for example. The contests, dubbed

DigiLit, PoetiX and Algorithms, will run through the upcoming academic year, with prizes awarded in April. For both writing contests, if a computer-generated story or poem is scored as human by a majority of judges, the creators will win \$5,000, and a prize of \$3,000 will be awarded to the team that enters the best software. In the music contest, six finalists will compete against human disc jockeys during a dance party, selecting music from a list of 1,000 tracks that will be released just before the competition. The prize again will be \$3,000. Both the human DJs and the computers will be hidden from view of the dance floor, Rockmore said. "Roughly the way we have it imagined is like a 'Wizard of Oz' scenario — there's

a curtain, and there could be someone behind there or not," he said. "Then people will score it, human or machine."

The contests aren't intended to be dismissive of imagination, Rockmore said. Rather, he views them as another way of investigating the neuroscience of creativity and human taste. "It's a challenge to produce a moving piece of literature, and I think in challenging yourself to try to do it, it makes you think hard about what moves you about a story, what goes into making a story," he said. "Thinking hard about those questions has a long tradition in the humanities, so it's just another way in which we can bring another lens to that, not in order to replace it but just to honestly consider it." □



# Traders recall the 'rush' and 'roar' as famed pits close

**BERNARD CONDON  
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**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Pete Meegan had every intention of going back to college, but then he got a summer job in the Chicago trading pits and fell in love with the "roar" of the floor, the excitement of "4,000 people yelling, 'Buy! Buy! Buy!'" and decided no

courage to tell his dad. "I thought he was gonna kill me, but he was like, 'I don't care if you pick up garbage or you're a dog groomer. If you are happy doing what you are doing, you're ahead of 99 percent of the people in the world,'" recalls Meegan, now 54. The few dozen jobs that will be lost when the pits shut

knew me better than my wife." Dan Grant, 53, traces his love affair with the pits to a \$150-a-week job as a "runner" ferrying messages between clerks taking phone orders from customers and brokers executing them. Six years into his career, on Oct. 19, 1987, stocks were plunging around the world and he was a clerk taking

instance, and investors as a way to bet that prices will go up or down. Not all futures pits are going away. In its February announcement about the closings, the owner of the exchanges said the pits where Standard and Poor's 500 stock futures and options on futures are traded will remain open. Floor trading of stocks on the

laments broker Virginia McGathey after the closing bell in Chicago last Wednesday. "Back in the day, there were 400." Scott Shellady, a broker standing nearby, worries that fewer humans could mean more violent swings in food prices.

He fears turbulence could be triggered by an unusually large offer from a stranger in India or another far off place to buy or sell a futures contract.

"That pit, with 500 guys, you can't have a flash crash because ... there are 499 people that know he doesn't normally trade that big," says Shellady, who wears a black-and-white cow print jacket, a reminder of a time when brokers needed to stand out on the floor.

Since at least 1870, when the first octagonal pits were installed in Chicago, traders have been reading the "tone" of the crowd to sense where prices might be heading and feeling the "rush" when placing a big bet.

After more than 40 years of trading, George Gero knows all about the feel and thrill of the pits. But he is also familiar with wrenching change, and learning to adapt to it.

After fleeing from the Nazi's in wartime Hungary, he came to New York, and found a home in the commodities pits downtown.

And at 79, he's still at it, marveling at how the computer allows him to find prices for gold and currencies around the world, no matter the time of day.

But Gero, a strategist at RBC Capital Markets, is not a complete fan of the new way. "It's very cold ... strictly numbers," he says.

Grant, the runner turned clerk who now oversees his own trading firm, says he has embraced change, too. But he mourns the loss of the kind of entry-level positions that gave kids without much education a chance to prove themselves, just as he did.

"The customer doesn't have to call anyone to execute a trade," he says. Sullivan, the broker, puts it bleakly. □



**Traders deal crude oil options on the floor of the New York Mercantile Exchange. Most pits in Chicago and New York where traders bet on future prices of palladium and gold, cattle and corn and dozens of other commodities are expected to close for good on Monday, July 6, 2015.**

(AP Photo/Jin Lee)

more classroom for him. That roar will soon go silent. On Monday, most futures pits in Chicago and New York, where frenzied buying and selling once helped set prices on cattle and corn, palladium and gold, and dozens of other commodities, are expected to close for good. Traders yelled and shoved and flashed hand signals, just as they did in the movie "Trading Places." But now the computer — faster, cheaper and not nearly as noisy — has taken over. It will be a sad day for Meegan, still in the pits 34 years after dropping out of college, donning a trading jacket and mustering the

down is just part of it, veterans say. What's also disappearing is a rich culture of brazen bets, flashy trading jackets and kids just out of high school getting a shot at making it big. The pits were a ruthless place, but they were also a proving ground where education and connections counted for nothing next to drive and, occasionally, muscle. "If people came to your spot, you shoved them out of it." "This is my two-foot space ... so get out of it," says Dan Sullivan, a broker who's been working in the pits since 1981. The competition, he adds, also bred camaraderie. "These guys

orders from the head traders at Chemical Bank and Drexel Burnham Lambert desperate to buy anything to protect themselves. Grant still marvels that, just 24 years old and with no college degree, he wielded such power in the crash, later known as Black Monday. "They were buying Treasuries and currencies, and watching their stock portfolios go to zero," he recalls. "It was a lot of fun." The pits that are closing deal in futures, or contracts to buy or sell something at a later date at a set price. They're used by farmers to lock in prices for their crops before harvest, for

New York Stock Exchange, which is owned by a different company, won't end, either. But the few remaining pits are a small, perhaps fleeting, victory for the dwindling number of traders who still use hand signals to buy and sell. Where once futures on everything from pork bellies and wheat to Treasuries and Eurodollars were only traded in this "open outcry" system, now just 1 percent are. Where once thousands of futures traders stood shoulder to shoulder, now just a few dozen show up on a typical day. "There were five (people) in the wheat pit today,"



## China to create \$19B fund to support plunging market

**BEIJING (AP)** — More than two dozen companies in China are postponing initial public offerings and security companies are pledging more than \$19 billion for a fund to stabilize the country's free-falling stock market.

The 28 companies, which had obtained permission from China's securities watchdog for IPOs planned in Shanghai and Shenzhen, said they would postpone them due to recent market fluctuations and refund money already paid, the official Xinhua News agen-

cy announced late Saturday. That followed reports that regulators were asking companies to postpone the IPOs.

Twenty-one Chinese securities companies, in a joint statement released Saturday, said they would pledge no less than 120 billion yuan (\$19.33 billion) to invest in Chinese stocks and funds.

The securities companies also said they would continue to invest in the market as long as the Shanghai Composite index, the Chinese equivalent of the Standard

& Poor's 500 index, remains below 4,500. It closed at 3,686 on Friday.

The statement was posted on the website of the Securities Association of China. The Chinese stock market has been in free-fall for three weeks, losing 28 percent of its value since June 12. Despite the plunge, the market is up 79 percent in the last year. The drop has wiped out several trillion dollars in market value in a matter of weeks.

Even though China is the world's second-largest economy, the Chinese

stock market remains largely isolated. Foreign investors can only indirectly participate in the market through funds or through specialized brokerage services. Unlike the U.S. and European markets where institutional investors play a major role, the Chinese stock market is dominated by individual investors.

For months, state-owned media had encouraged ordinary Chinese to load up on shares. Many Chinese individual investors borrowed heavily to buy stocks — taking out so-called margin

loans. And the rising stock prices encouraged companies to raise money by issuing shares and to use the proceeds to pay down debt.

In the first half of the year, the Shanghai stock market led the world in initial public offerings: 78 companies issued shares in Shanghai, raising \$16.6 billion, according to a study by the accounting firm EY. Hong Kong was No. 2 with 31 deals that raised \$16 billion. Shenzhen was No. 5 with 112 deals that raised \$7 billion. □

## Concerns over US winter wheat may boost crop prices



**A combine moves on to the next field while another makes its last cut while harvesting wheat near Andover, Kan. Concerns about the quantity and quality of the U.S. winter wheat crop and an El Nino weather pattern blamed for dry conditions in other wheat producing nations have sparked a recent run up in wheat prices.**

(AP Photo/Orlin Wagner)

**ROXANA HEGEMAN**  
Associated Press

**WICHITA, Kansas (AP)** — Market concerns about the quantity and quality of the U.S. winter wheat crop being harvested and the dry conditions in other wheat-producing nations have

sparked an unexpected run up in recent weeks to wheat prices.

Normally, the flood of new grain coming in at harvest time drives down crop prices, and with prices already low when the harvest began, farmers in Texas, Okla-

homa and Kansas were worried.

That hasn't happened this year, though, and wheat prices have actually risen since mid-June, said Dan O'Brien, an extension specialist in grain markets at Kansas State University. This

is welcome news for those farmers still bringing in their crops.

Wheat grower Vance Ehmeke said cash prices at his local elevator in the western Kansas community of Dighton dipped as low as \$4.50 a bushel last month but have risen to about \$5.50 a bushel.

"And that, in my opinion, was a gift from God — it will certainly help a lot more people get into the break-even range," he said. "That will help a lot."

The reasons behind this year's low wheat prices and the more recent price bump, however, probably have less to do with divine intervention than with global grain markets.

A weak market for U.S. wheat exports has driven down prices this year. On July 1 of last year, central Kansas elevator terminals around Hutchinson were paying cash prices of between \$6.80 and \$7.04 a bushel for wheat, O'Brien

said. As of Wednesday, they were paying \$5.68 to \$5.82 per bushel.

The recent price hike — generally 60 to 80 cents since mid-June — reflects market concerns about U.S. wheat production and dry conditions in other wheat-producing countries caused by an El Nino weather pattern, O'Brien said. Global wheat production is moderately lower than was expected two or three months ago, causing prices to rise.

What is far more difficult to predict is how all these forces will affect domestic wheat prices in the future. That is due in part because the outlook for U.S. wheat is intertwined with the strength of the U.S. dollar, O'Brien said.

A high U.S. dollar in comparison to other currencies makes U.S. wheat more expensive for other countries to buy — which in turn drives down domestic wheat prices. □

## Egypt's currency drops to new low against the dollar

**MERRIT KENNEDY**  
Associated Press

**CAIRO (AP)** — The Egyptian pound has fallen to a new low against the U.S. dollar, the second such drop in days, the country's central bank said Sunday, in a move that could help boost much-needed foreign investment.

The central bank set a cut-off rate of 7.73 Egyptian

pounds per dollar in an auction that sold \$39.6 million on Sunday, compared to a previous low of 7.63 on Thursday. Before that, the pound had held at 7.53 since February.

The new rate was the lowest level since the Egyptian government introduced an auction system in December 2012 aimed at regulating the pound's devalua-

tion. "It's welcome to have, within the current context, a weaker pound because the economy is shifting toward a growth mode so one of the key ways to push this growth forward is through foreign exchange," said Mohamed Abu Basha, an economist at regional investment giant EFG Hermes.

Investors and economists

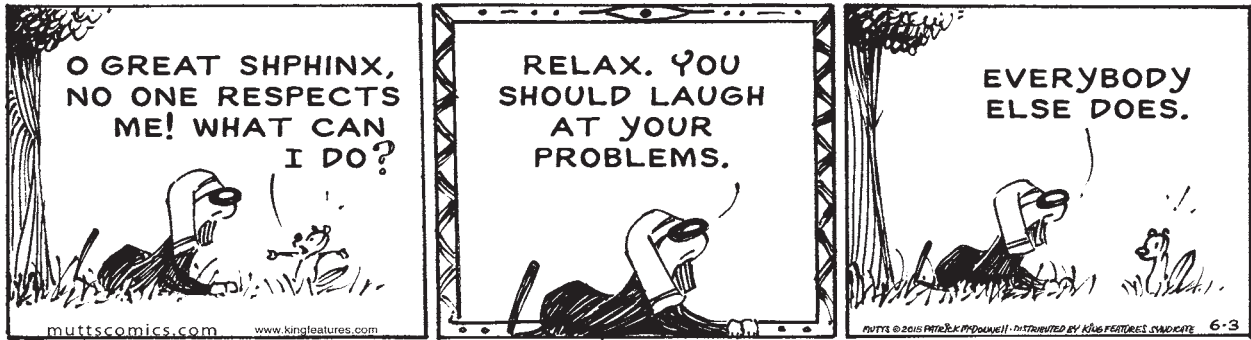
see the currency as overvalued and the central bank had allowed the pound to slide somewhat before a major investor summit in March.

The central bank has also allowed commercial banks a wider margin for selling and buying dollars since January, at 0.10 pounds above or below the official rate. Egypt's govern-

ment is trying to send the message that the country is open for business, after struggling since the 2011 uprising that ousted autocrat Hosni Mubarak. It has launched a series of ambitious mega-projects and pushed through a host of tough measures, including slashing fuel subsidies and amending the property tax law. □



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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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ACROSS

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- 6 E-J connectors
- 10 Has \_ in one's pants; is jittery
- 14 Run off to wed
- 15 Harness strap
- 16 Tight, as a rope
- 17 Makes a mess at the table
- 18 Poor box offering
- 19 Singer Bennett
- 20 Summary
- 22 Tooth coating
- 24 Official stamp
- 25 Exact
- 26 Cut in half
- 29 Capture
- 30 \_ dos, tres...
- 31 \_ aback; surprised
- 33 "Ode to a Nightingale" poet
- 37 Night twinkler
- 39 Lowest point
- 41 Certain
- 42 Remained optimistic
- 44 \_ oneself; worked steadily
- 46 Source of light and heat
- 47 Longest bone in the body
- 49 Warmed up
- 51 Tumbler
- 54 Go by
- 55 Summer wear
- 56 Those who defame others
- 60 Mah-jongg piece
- 61 U-\_: rental moving truck
- 63 Fasten again
- 64 Troubles
- 65 Ending for cigar or kitchen
- 66 Stanza
- 67 Take a breather
- 68 Property owner's paper
- 69 Fencing swords

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BLURRED	SENATOR	
LOSE	ADAMS	LONE
OWES	REBUT	LOTS
BEDS	DREGS	SLOT

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- 3 Timely benefit
- 4 Be against
- 5 Honor
- 6 Weak
- 7 Becomes firm
- 8 That fellow
- 9 Stick in
- 10 Connects
- 11 Ruth's mother-in-law
- 12 Songs
- 13 In \_; chic
- 21 Hell's ruler
- 23 Whiplash site
- 25 Overwhelming fright
- 26 Shrub
- 27 4 \_ 12 is 3
- 28 Cleansing bar
- 29 Sauna builder's wood
- 32 Done for; no longer usable
- 34 Vienna's nation: abbr.
- 35 \_blue; loyal
- 36 Put in the mail

- 38 Plant new trees in the woods
- 40 Physical therapy, for short
- 43 Money owed
- 45 Merit; earn
- 48 Prepared taters
- 50 Snoozing
- 51 Up and about
- 52 Neighbor of Argentina
- 53 \_ up; furls
- 54 Made a stack
- 56 Early guitar
- 57 To be: Fr.
- 58 Get up
- 59 Beholds
- 62 Polished off



## Princess Charlotte christened on royal estate to cheers

SYLVIA HUI

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Prince William and his wife, Kate, marked a milestone for their newborn baby Princess Charlotte on Sunday — a christening ceremony on Queen Elizabeth II's country estate that was steeped in royal tradition.

Hundreds of fans outside St. Mary Magdalene Church in Sandringham, a sprawling royal estate near England's eastern coast, cheered as William and Kate arrived with toddler Prince George and 9-week-old Charlotte, who was in a vintage pram. It was only the second time Britain's newborn princess, who is fourth in line to the throne, has been seen in public since she was born on May 2.

Charlotte was dressed for the occasion in a replica of the intricate lace-and-satin christening gown made for Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, also named Victoria, in 1841. Until 2008, that original gown had been worn by all royal babies — including the queen — at their christenings.

Following royal tradition, holy water from the River Jordan, where it is said Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, was used for the baptism. The 16th-century church, close to William and Kate's country house Anmer Hall, is where the royal family traditionally gathers for Christmas service. It is also where Charlotte's late grandmother, Princess Diana, was christened in 1961. The ceremony was private — the queen, her husband Prince Philip, Prince Charles and Kate's family were among a small group of guests allowed inside. Guests also included five godparents that William and Kate chose for Charlotte, including William's cousin Laura Fellowes, Kate's cousin Adam Middleton, and three of the couple's friends.

Fans from as far afield as Australia and the U.S. patiently lined up outside the church, hoping to get a glimpse of the baby as the royals arrive and leave. □

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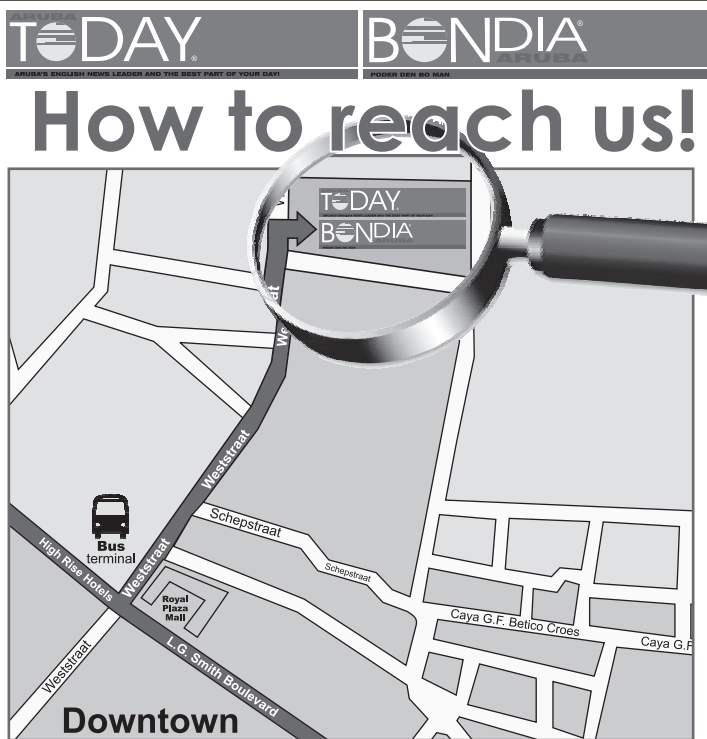


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# Farmers eager for drones, but most can't legally fly them

By **MARY CLARE JALONICK**  
**Associated Press**

**CORDOVA, Md. (AP) --** Mike Geske wants a drone. Watching a flying demonstration on Maryland's Eastern Shore, the Missouri farmer envisions using an unmanned aerial vehicle to monitor the irrigation pipes on his farm - a job he now pays three men to do. "The savings on labor and fuel would just be phenomenal," Geske says, watching as a small white drone hovers over a nearby corn field and transmits detailed pictures of the growing stalks to an iPad.

Nearby, farmer Chip Bowling tries his hand at flying one of the drones. Bowling, president of the National Corn Growers Association, says he would like to buy one for his Maryland farm to help him scout out which individual fields need extra spraying.

Another farmer, Bobby Hutchison, says he is hoping the man he hires weekly to walk his fields and observe his crops gets a drone, to make the process more efficient and accurate.

"I see it very similar to how I saw the computer when it first started," says Hutchison, 64. "It was a no-brainer."

Farmers are eager for the technology.

The small, relatively inexpensive vehicles could replace humans in a variety of ways around large farms: transmitting detailed information about crops to combines and sprayers, directing them very precisely to problem spots and cutting down on the amount of water and chemicals that a farmer needs to use in those areas.

The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, a trade

group, says agriculture could account for 80 percent of all commercial drone use.

Agricultural use of drones is about to take off after being grounded for years by the lack of federal guidelines. The Federal Aviation Administration has approved more than 50 ex-

has a backlog of several hundred orders. He says the technology has transformed the market during that short period.

"Last year users had to land their aircraft and then take the data to the computer," he says. "Now the data appears on your iPad or hand-held device a few

data collected from other high-tech farm machinery. Chilcott is optimistic that the technology to scout out problem spots so precisely will be transformative because farmers can limit spraying just to those places.

"In five years we won't have to blanket a field with

fly during the daytime, among other restrictions. Operators would have to pass an FAA test of aeronautical knowledge and a Transportation Security Administration background check.

Thomas Haun of North Carolina-based Precision-Hawk, another company with an exemption, says it is unclear what the business will look like eventually. Farmers may hire services that have unmanned aerial vehicles or every farm may get its own drone. Most likely, it will be a combination.

Haun says the proposed rules are appropriate. "It's pretty spot on for where the technology is right now," he says.

Some people have concerns about the guidelines. Pilots of crop dusters and other planes that operate around farms are concerned the rules do not go far enough to ensure safety.

"We can't see them," says Andrew Moore of the National Agricultural Aviation Association. His group advocated for the unmanned vehicles to include tracking systems or lights to help airplanes figure out where they are, but that was not included in the proposal.

The rules could pose some challenges for the eager farmers, too.

Geske may not be able to use drones efficiently to monitor all the irrigation pipes on his 2,100 acre Missouri farm if he has to keep them within sight. He's still interested, though. The men he hires now use a lot of fuel and their trucks tear up his land and roads.

"You can wait forever on advancing technology," Geske says. □



In this June 11, 2015, photo, a DJI Phantom 3 drone is flown by Chip Bowling, left, from Newburg, Md., president of the National Corn Growers, with Matthew Creger, marketing director for Intelligent UAS, during a drone demonstration at a farm and winery on potential use for board members of the National Corn Growers in Cordova, Md.

emptions for farm-related operations since January. Companies with those exemptions say business has grown, helped by quick advances in the technology.

Bret Chilcott of Kansas-based AgEagle, which sells unmanned aerial vehicles and the software to help operate them, says his company took its first orders last year. Now it

minutes after flight."

That data could be pictures, 3-D images of plants, thermal readings of crops or animals or other observations that a drone could make while in the air. Information that in the past took days to collect - or could not have been collected at all - can be gathered now in minutes or hours and, in some cases, integrated with separate

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chemicals," he says.

Still, most farmers cannot legally fly the vehicles yet. The FAA is working on rules that would allow the drones to be used regularly for business while maintaining certain safety and privacy standards. An FAA proposal this year would allow flight of the vehicles as long as they weigh less than 55 pounds, stay within the operator's sight and



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## Vanessa Williams weds Jim Skrip, her 3rd marriage

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Vanessa Williams tied the knot with her fiancé, Jim Skrip, on the Fourth of July.

A representative for the singer-actress said Sunday that Williams and Skrip wed a day earlier. No details of the ceremony were provided.

This is the third marriage for Williams, who was previously married to public relations consultant Ramon Hervey and former Los Angeles Laker Rick Fox. She has three children with Hervey and a daughter with Fox. Williams earlier said she met Skrip, a former accountant, while traveling in Egypt.

The 52-year-old Williams, a former Miss America contestant, has released eight studio albums and received several Emmy nominations for her performance on ABC's "Ugly Betty." □



In a Thursday, April 23, 2015 file photo, Vanessa Williams waves as she arrives on the red carpet for the closing ceremony of the 5th Beijing International Film Festival in the Huairou district of Beijing.

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## Billy Joel weds girlfriend during Fourth of July party

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Billy Joel married girlfriend Alexis Roderick in a surprise ceremony at the couple's annual Fourth of July party. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo presided over Saturday's nuptials at Joel's Long Island estate, the singer's spokeswoman Claire Mercuri said. The small group of family and friends at the party didn't know the couple planned to exchange vows. Among those in attendance were Alexa Ray Joel, his daughter with his second wife, model Christie Brinkley, and actor Kevin James.

People magazine first reported the wedding. Joel, 66, and Roderick, 34, have been dating since 2009 and are expecting their first child. This is his fourth marriage.

Joel is currently on tour. On Wednesday, he set a record for most perfor-



In this Oct. 15, 2013 file photo, Alexis Roderick, left, and Billy Joel arrive at the Elton John AIDS Foundation's 12th Annual "An Enduring Vision" benefit gala in New York.

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mances by a single artist at Madison Square Garden with his 65th show, besting Elton John. □

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## 'Terminator,' 'Magic Mike' fizzle at July 4th box office

**JAKE COYLE**  
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**NEW YORK (AP)** — July 4th went off like a dud at the box office. Anticipated new releases "Magic Mike XXL" and "Terminator Genisys" fizzled, leaving the popular holdovers "Jurassic World" and "Inside Out" to top the holiday weekend.

Despite the brawny enticements of Channing Tatum and Arnold Schwarzenegger, the four-week rule of Universal's dinosaur sensation "Jurassic World" continued with an estimated \$30.9 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. Pixar's acclaimed "Inside Out" nearly caught up to the runaway dinos, taking in \$30.1 million in its third weekend of release.

The strength of those June hits and the unfortunate timing of July 4th this year coming on a Saturday (rather than stretching out a long weekend) meant the sequels "Terminator Genisys" and "Magic Mike XXL" both failed to match previous installments.

Paramount's "Terminator Genisys," the fifth film in the series which also marks Schwarzenegger's return to his most iconic character, took in \$28.7 million over the weekend and \$44.2 million since opening Wednesday.

Warner Bros. also tried to expand the weekend, opening Tatum's male-stripper romp "Magic Mike XXL" on Wednesday. But after a strong start, the film managed just \$12 million over the weekend. Over five days it made \$27.1 million.

The openings were disappointing for the new releases, but each has a different makeup. "Terminator Genisys," an attempted

reboot in the 31-year-old, James Cameron-created franchise, was made for \$155 million. "Magic Mike XXL," a road-trip sequel to Steven Soderbergh's 2012 hit original, was made for just under \$15 million.

Megan Colligan, head of worldwide distribution for Paramount, said the weekend simply didn't play like a holiday weekend.

"The weekend got off to a very sluggish start because people didn't have off until

Memorial Day weekend in 2009. "Genisys," which critics have slammed, is finding better business abroad. It made \$74 million international over the weekend.

"Magic Mike XXL," however, had the benefit of largely positive reviews and tracking numbers that suggested a possible No. 1 opening of more than \$40 million. The original debuted with \$39.1 million.

But "Magic Mike XXL" failed to expand its audi-

man. "We might be down but we're not out. I'm in the wait and see mode."

Hollywood's summer has been inching close to equaling its record 2013 season, thanks partly to the unexpected success of "Jurassic World." (Now with \$558.2 million domestically, it's already the fourth-best showing of all time in North America.)

The biggest potholes this summer have been holiday weekends, noted Paul

movies out there — "Jurassic World" and "Inside Out" — that are just dominating the marketplace. Both those movies have appealed to every audience segment imaginable."

This weekend was still up 6.9 percent over last year, when Melissa McCarthy's "Tammy" and the sci-fi adventure "Earth to Echo" made for Hollywood's worst July 4 in decades.

Universal's animated offshoot sequel "Minions" will



This photo provided by Universal Pictures shows, Bryce Dallas Howard, from left, as Claire, Chris Pratt as Owen, Nick Robinson as Zach, and Ty Simpkins as Gray, in a scene from the film, "Jurassic World," directed by Colin Trevorrow, in the next installment of Steven Spielberg's groundbreaking "Jurassic Park" series.

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Friday," said Colligan. "Our start was just not where it needed to be. Some of that does have to do with it is pretty severe competition. 'Jurassic' is still such a powerhouse in the marketplace and it was hard to anticipate that that wouldn't have burned off a little more by now."

"Genisys" failed to come close to the previous "Terminator" film, the Schwarzenegger-less "Salvation," which had a five-day debut of \$65.3 million over

ence. Whereas moviegoers for the first film were 73 percent female, "Magic Mike XXL" was a staggering 96 percent female, Warner Bros. said.

Dan Fellman, head of domestic distribution for Warner Bros., said the film performed worse than expected in the South, Midwest and in Canada. Such a "girls-night-out" release, he said, didn't materialize over the holiday weekend. "Our audience wasn't available to us," said Fell-

Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office firm Rentrak.

Those weekends usually are the tent poles to Hollywood's summer spectacle, but the lagging Independence Day weekend follows a lackluster Memorial Day, when Disney's "Tomorrowland" flopped.

"These are the weekends everyone's going, 'Wow, what happened?'" said Dergarabedian. "Part of it was the calendar. Part of it, too, was you have two

debut next weekend after a strong international performance. The film, which gives the pipsqueak henchmen of the "Despicable Me" movies the spotlight, has already grossed \$124.2 million abroad, including \$54.3 million this weekend. Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. □



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